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Dear Mr. Guinasso and Ms. Holland,

The two of you have been the leading voices in support of Lyon County Question 1, which would "end brothels and legalized prostitution in Lyon County, Nevada."

In your public comments in the news media, on social media and on your websites you have made numerous outrageous claims that range from misleading to inaccurate to outright false.

For example, Mr. Guinasso, you told the Washington Post last May that the majority of sex workers in Lyon County's legal brothels "are there either because of financial duress or a drug addiction, or some pimp is pushing them in there."

This statement is 100% untrue; bordering on libel.

And in a BBC article published in September, a spokesperson for your PAC was actually quoted as saying...

*"You know, it used to be considered OK to bring slaves from Africa. And finally, someone had the courage to say, 'No, we're not going to have slavery.' This is just a different kind of slavery. These women in the legal brothels are slaves."*

For the record, I am a legal sex worker; not a slave. Neither are any of the other women who work in Lyon County's legal brothels. We are there of our own choice and our own free will.

For your part, Ms. Holland, you have also falsely claimed we are “enslaved,” and told the *Nevada Independent* in May that my chosen profession is an “exploitive business.”

As a legal sex worker, I totally reject that characterization. I’m not enslaved, nor am I being exploited. Again, this is my choice, freely made. Same for my colleagues.

In addition, you both are guilty of trying to confuse voters by interchangeably using various figures and statistics that fail to distinguish between legal and illegal prostitution – especially when it comes to the issue of child sex trafficking, which absolutely does not occur in Lyon County’s legal brothels.

Indeed, you recently launched a disgraceful and sickening “Daughter for Sale!” ad campaign falsely claiming that “young girls are trafficked” in our legal brothels and lined up for display “to be sold like a piece of meat.” Shameful.

It’s one thing for you to make such outrageous claims in news interviews, from behind a keyboard or in paid advertisements. It’s another thing to actually face those of us you are trying to put out of business and on the streets in a public forum where voters can hear BOTH sides of the issue and make an informed decision.

As such, I’m writing to invite you both to join me and one of my colleagues in a series of moderated forums/debates on this issue to be held throughout Lyon County between now and Election Day under the following tentative schedule...

October 18, 2018: Mound House

October 23, 2018: Yerington

October 25, 2018: Fernley

October 29, 2018: Dayton

I propose these 90-minute educational forums/debates be held in the evening when the largest number of voters will be off work and able to attend. We have already secured public community venues for each date.

As Election Day is near and time is short, I hope you will respond to this invitation in a timely fashion and look forward to an open, honest and public discussion of Lyon County Question 1.

Please respond with your answer to [alice@lyoncountymfreedom.org](mailto:alice@lyoncountymfreedom.org) or call me at (775) 246-9901.

Sincerely yours,



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